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SENATE INVESTIGATORS ANNOUNCED TONIGHT THEY WILL RECALL INTELLIGENCE CHIEF ALLEN W. DULLES TO CLEAR UP "CONFUSION" BETWEEN HIS TESTIMONY ON RUSSIA'S MISSILE STRENGTH AND THAT OF GEN. NATHAN F. TWINING, CHAIRMAN OF THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF.

THE UNEXPECTED ACTION FOLLOWED A CLOSED-DOOR MEETING BETWEEN TWINING AND MEMBERS OF THE SENATE PREPAREDNESS AND SPACE COMMITTEES.

THE SECRET SESSION WAS ORDERED WHEN SYMINGTON HAD CONFRONTED TWINING WITH APPARENTLY TOP-SECRET FIGURES ON RELATIVE U.S.-RUSSIAN MISSILE STRENGTH, TWINING DECLINED TO COMMENT ON THE FIGURES IN PUBLIC.

IN HIS PREVIOUS PUBLIC TESTIMONY TWINING SPLIT SHARPLY WITH OTHER U.S. MILITARY CHIEFS IN THEIR DEMANDS FOR MORE MISSILES, MORE POLARIS SUBMARINES AND SWIFTER ACTION TO SET UP A CONTINUOUS AIRBORNE BOMBER ALERT.

DETAILS OF THE GENERAL'S SUBSEQUENT CLOSED-DOOR TESTIMONY WERE NOT MADE PUBLIC. BUT PREPAREDNESS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN LYNDON B. JOHNSON (D-TEX.) SAID IN A STATEMENT ISSUED LATER THAT THE MEETING "WAS DEVOTED PRIMARILY TO INTELLIGENCE ESTIMATES."

JOHNSON ALSO SAID IT HAD BEEN DECIDED TO PUT OFF THE SCHEDULED TESTIMONY OF DEFENSE SECRETARY THOMAS S. GATES JR, ON THE MISSILE CONTROVERSY "PENDING FURTHER TESTIMONY BY DULLES."

JOHNSON SAID THE DELAY WAS GRANTED AT THE REQUEST OF REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE MEMBERS.

"IT WAS FELT," HE SAID, "THAT CONFUSION ARISING FROM DULLES' RECENT TESTIMONY AND TODAY'S TESTIMONY BY TWINING SHOULD BE CLARIFIED BEFORE SECRETARY GATES' APPEARANCE."

THE STATEMENT DID NOT ELABORATE AND AN AIDE OF THE DEMOCRATIC LEADER REFUSED TO GO BEYOND JOHNSON'S LANGUAGE.

ANOTHER SOURCE, ASKED IF THERE WAS A CONFLICT BETWEEN THE DULLES AND TWINING TESTIMONY, SAID HE WOULD NOT GO BEYOND THE WORD "CONFUSION."

TWINING'S PUBLIC APPEARANCE WAS MARKED BY A THREE-HOUR DEFENSE OF EISENHOWER'S MILITARY POLICIES, WHICH WAS CLIMAXED WHEN SYMINGTON CAME UP WITH HIS SECRET INTELLIGENCE FIGURES.

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